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R 290902Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0333

INFO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

USLO PEKING

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, KS, CH

SUBJECT: CHINESE RELEASE ROK FISHING BOAT

REF: SEOUL 3739

1. ROK PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT FISHING BOAT ABDUCTED BY PRC FISHING BOATS MAY 25 (REFTEL) WAS RELEASED MAY 28 IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS 220 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF CHUCHA ISLAND IN EAST CHINA SEA. ACCORDING TO PRESS, MOFA ANNOUNCED THAT VESSEL WAS RETURNED TO ANOTHER ROK FISHING BOAT BY TWO CHINESE BOATS AND WAS DUE TO ARRIVE IN ROK LATE MAY 29. CREW IS APPARENTLY ALL ABOARD AND IN GOOD HEALTH, ACCORDING TO MOFA.

2. MOFA HAS TOLD US THAT NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE UNTIL BOAT DOCKS AND ITS CREW CAN BE INTERROGATED. WHILE RESERVING JUDGMENT ON PRC BEHAVIOR UNTIL ALL FACTS ARE KNOWN, MOFA IS  
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RELIEVED THAT VESSEL HAS BEEN RETURNED SO PROMPTLY.

3. CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS HWANG CHONG-YON  
INFORMED POL COUNS MAY 28 THAT HE BELIEVED  
ACCIDENTAL FOULING OF CHINESE BOAT'S NETS BY  
KOREAN VESSEL HAD LED TO SEIZURE.  
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